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NOTE VERBALE DATED 4 APRIL 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 29 March and 3 April 1994, there appear to have been 18 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,574.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(29 March-3 April 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1579	29 Mar.	0735	0748	AWACS made radar contact 30 kilometres south of Zenica, heading north. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a white helicopter. Warnings were issued with no response. The helicopter landed in a field 1 kilometre south of Zenica. Two additional helicopters were observed on the ground at the same location. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Slow Unknown
1580	29 Mar.	0808	0815	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter taking off 1 kilometre south of Zenica, heading south-east. Warnings were issued without response. The helicopter landed 1 kilometre north-west of Visoko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 90 knots Low
1581	29 Mar.	1004	1012	AWACS made radar contact 13 kilometres south-west of Vitez, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with two helicopters at this location. The first helicopter was identified as an approved MEDEVAC flight. Contact with the second helicopter was lost 15 kilometres south-east of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight of the second helicopter occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South 125 knots Unknown
1582	30 Mar.	0630	1100	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight of an olive green MI-8 helicopter (tail No. 12369) with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation when it deviated from its approved flight plan by departing from Zvornik 25 minutes early and flying to an unknown destination. The helicopter returned to Pale two and a half hours later than its approved time. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east then south-west Slow Low
1583	30 Mar.	1026	1036	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 20 kilometres east of Pale, heading north. The helicopter turned south-east and contact was lost in the vicinity of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North then south-west 110 knots 10,000 feet

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1584 1585 1586	31 Mar.	0930	1436	These flights began as approved MEDEVAC flights of two white MI-8 helicopters both with blue stripes (tail Nos. 212 and 252), from Posusje to Kiseljak and return. The flights became violations when the helicopters entered the no-fly zone from Split and landed at Posusje without approval. Upon return from Kiseljak, helicopter No. 212 carried more than double the number of patients approved and landed in Posusje only long enough to be inspected prior to proceeding to Split. Helicopter No. 212 later returned to Posusje, along with another helicopter (No. 253); helicopter No. 252 remained in Split for maintenance. The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Various Unknown Unknown
1587	31 Mar.	0955	0956	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying 5 kilometres south-east of Vitez, heading east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Low Slow
1588	01 Apr.	0708	0715	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres west of Tomislavgrad, heading east. Contact was lost a short time later, 7 kilometres west of Tomislavgrad. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East 65 knots Unknown
1589	01 Apr.	0805	0815	UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter flying 10 kilometres south of Sarajevo, heading west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Low Slow
1590	01 Apr.	0815	1300	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight of an olive green MI-8 helicopter with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik. The flight became a violation when it failed to land in Zvornik and was seen flying over the Drina River into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). The helicopter later returned to Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Unknown Unknown
1591	01 Apr.	0845	0846	An UNPROFOR helicopter made visual contact with a white helicopter with a blue stripe on the side 25 kilometres south-west of Kiseljak, heading east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow 1,000 feet
1592	01 Apr.	1000	1230	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight of an olive green MI-8 helicopter from Knin to Banja Luka. It became a violation when it did not return to Knin as scheduled. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Unknown Unknown

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1593	01 Apr.	1305	1305	An UNPROFOR helicopter visually identified an MI-8 helicopter flying 7 kilometres north-east of Vares. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Unknown Unknown
1594	02 Apr.	1745	1805	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact 30 kilometres north-east of Pale, heading east. The contact crossed the border into the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) and the fighter aircraft had to turn away prior to making visual contact. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Slow 7,000 feet
1595	03 Apr.	1057	1107	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact at Zenica. The fighter aircraft observed a white helicopter take off, but after warnings were given, it landed again at the same position. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow 7,000 feet
1596	03 Apr.	1725	1738	AWACS made radar contract approximately 30 kilometres south-west of Gornji Vakuf, heading south-east. Radar contact was lost approximately 40 kilometres west of Jablanica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low

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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 4 and 10 April 1994, there appear to have been six flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,580.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(4 April-10 April 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				(4-6 April: no violations reported)	
1597	7 Apr.	1000	1430	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight of an MI-8 helicopter, white with a red cross, from Posusje to Split. The flight became a violation when 25 additional passengers, in good health, disembarked from the aircraft in Split. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Landing Slow Low
1598	8 Apr.	0952	1430	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight of an MI-8 helicopter, olive green with a Serb flag and red cross, from Pale to Zvornik. The flight became a violation when it landed in Pale 3 hours behind schedule. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Various Unknown Unknown
1599	8 Apr.	1447	1453	AWACS made radar contact 2 kilometres south of Medugorje and lost it 17 kilometres south of Medugorje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 190 knots 8,000 feet
1600	9 Apr.	0953	0954	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made visual contact on a white helicopter 23 kilometres north of Mostar, heading west. Contact was lost 27 kilometres north of Mostar. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West 120 knots 3,000 feet
1601	10 Apr.	0803	0814	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft on a manoeuvring track 35 kilometres south of Bihac, heading north-east. Contact was lost 20 kilometres east of Bihac. NATO fighter aircraft were unable to make radar or visual contact. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east 100 knots Low
1602	10 Apr.	1555	1630	AWACS made radar contact on a track 40 kilometres south of Sarajevo, heading north-east. Contact was lost 30 kilometres south-east of Sarajevo. NATO fighter aircraft were unable to investigate for operational reasons. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east 90 knots Low